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1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 17, WHICH  
RECENTLY ARRIVED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL. THE ARREST  
OF MEMBERS OF THE CENTER OF INNER RELIGION IN ARGENTINA HAS  
BEEN RAISED WITH THE EMBASSY BY THE MEMBERS RELATIVES AND THEIR US  
CORELIGIONISTS. THE EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED THESE ARRESTS, AS  
WELL AS THE ARRESTS OF A NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS OF SMALL  
RELIGIONS ORGANIZATION WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS  
HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DETENTION FOR THE  
DISSEMINATION OF "DISASSOCIATIVE IDEAS". WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT THE DETENTION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS UNDER REVIEW IN  
THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

2. I SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED REGARDING ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS  
IN THESE CASES.

3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.

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